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Holly Neuhof checks out the John Deere tractor at the NOTL Public Library Mighty Machines display Saturday, with her dad Marty keeping her company.

Gretzky winery coming to NOTL

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's been in the works for more than five years, but this week it was made official - Wayne Gretzky wines will have a new, permanent home in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Gretzky brand was taken over by Andrew Peller Ltd. six years ago, and discussions have been ongoing since about a new winery, but Monday, the site plan application for a 15,000 square-foot facility on Peller property, beside its Trius Winery on Niagara Stone Rd., was submitted to the town.

It will be called the Wayne Gretzky Winery and Craft Distillery, and will include retail and tasting space, as well as fermentation and barrel cellars, says Greg Berti, vice-president of global marketing for Andrew Peller Ltd.

Peller has been making wine in Canada for more than 50 years, and opened one of the first wineries in NOTL 35 years ago. It owns about 300 acres of vineyards, and buys more than 4,000 tones of grapes from 38 local farmers, said Berti.

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Town looking for federal money for pool, library

Suzanne Mason
Special to the Advance

Renovations to the St. Davids pool and change house and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library were chosen as the top priorities by town council Monday for a grant application to the federal government for community infrastructure funding.

In celebration of Canada's 150 years, Ottawa recently announced that $150 million would be provided to fund projects for municipalities across the country to support the renovation, rehabilitation or expansion of existing infrastructure.

The application is due June 9, so council needed to make a quick decision on what projects to apply for under the program. Municipalities are required to provide matching funding, with a federal contribution of up to $1 million per project.

Chief administrative officer Mike Galloway said the town received requests from various health care and cultural organizations to be grant recipients, but staff felt that the St. Davids pool project had the best chance of success.

Staff reported that the pool, built in 1969, has several structural problems including the foundation liner, the pool deck, the heating equipment, the pipes and the pump. The change rooms, washrooms and showers are not compliant with current accessibility regulations.

The town had earmarked $1.2 million in repairs to the facilities in its 10-year capital budget forecast. Staff recommended that the town apply for 50% of the cost through the grant, then move up the project to the 2016 budget year.

Coun. Terry Flynn asked council to submit a second grant proposal for improvements to the library. He said the 15-year old facility needs remodeling to meet current accessibility standards and the community's needs due to changing technology.

According to chief librarian Cathy Simpson, 82% of the town's population borrows items from the library and more than 2,600 children and adults attended programs there last year.

In a report to council, she said the library board and staff are working to raise 66.6% of the project costs and want the town to apply for the remaining $170,000 through the federal grant.

"We all know St. Davids pool is in desperate need of repair," said Coun. John Wiens, "but more community members are going to the library than the pool (which is) seasonal."

After considerable debate, councillors decided to apply for money for both projects with the St. Davids pool being listed as the first priority.

"As the first capital of Upper Canada, we stand a good chance of getting money from them," said Lord Mayor Pat Darte, referring to the federal government's celebration of 150 years of the country's history.

"There are a lot of other communities out there that think they are special too," said Coun. Jim Collard.

Coun. Betty Disero suggested if the town is successful in getting grant money for the St. Davids pool, then the funds set aside in the capital budget for the repairs could go toward other projects, including renovations at the library.

Developer asks for deferral

Suzanne Mason
Special to the Advance

A proposal for a four-unit townhouse development on John St. in the Old Town has been put on hold at the request of the developer.

Council voted in favour of deferring a decision on the application for 135 John St. W. Monday.

Last week, the community and development advisory committee voted against the proposed development.

The property, which was formerly the site of the Region's water tower, is located between Gate and Victoria Sts.

Staff had recommended approval of the townhouses, reporting that they were consistent with approved densities in the area and would integrate well into the neighbourhood.

Although there were no objections to the proposal at a public meeting last week, some councillors had concerns about the impact on the neighborhood where there are mainly single-family detached homes.

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Winery 'barn–inspired'

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There will be three or four acres of new grapes planted for Gretzky wines, and more purchased locally, he said.

The site of the new winery, with entrances from Line 3 and Niagara Stone Rd., was once used by a local farmer for raising beef cattle and growing tomatoes, but has not been in production for more than 30 years, said Berti.

It's taken a while to work out the details, beginning with where and then what style, and nothing is done without Gretzky's okay - he approves everything from the taste of his wines to the labels.

"He's a hockey player with a keen sense of style and taste."

The plan is to begin construction in the fall, and be ready to open in the spring of 2017.

His hands-on approach means "he won't be in Niagara-on-the-Lake once or twice a year - he'll be here 10 or 12 times."

Gretzky's award-winning wine has been around for a decade, made by the same winemaker, Australian Craig McDonald, who will continue on in the new facility.

Berti, who has travelled across Canada with Gretzky on wine-related business, says the love and familiarity the public show for the hockey player is amazing - and not just because he's the Great One in hockey, but because of his personal reputation.

"He's like a pied piper when he walks through the airport. He's a Canadian icon, but for far more than hockey - for the person he is, the family man, and all he represents."

And while his name on the bottle certainly helps to sell wine, "you have to like it to buy the second bottle. At least his is an easy name to remember when you go looking for it."

The facility, designed by Gren Weis, the Oakville architect who designed Peller Estate Winery on John St. in NOTL, will fit into the 'rural Ontario context' but with a contemporary vision - while there is lots of glass incorporated into the design, providing "inspiring views of vineyards and the escarpment," it also has a barn-inspired look to it, reminiscent, Berti says, of Gretzky growing up in Southern Ontario and the time he spent "hitting a hockey puck against the side of his grandfather's barn."

He wouldn't put a price tag to it - just that it's in the "multi-millions," saying there are too many details yet to be worked out to pin down how much it will cost.

Gretzky, says Berti, "is very excited about the new winery" and the opportunity to bring new visitors to NOTL.

As a "hockey guy" himself, NOTL Lord Mayor Pat Darte says he's looking forward to having the winery in town. "It's absolutely good for NOTL. A brand like that, having a presence in town, will bring a whole new group of people to town just for that. Some of them may want to go further and they can, but others, hockey people, will come to visit and get their photo taken beside that number 99 on the building."

Town staff have been discussing the proposal for some time, and now, said Darte, "we're here to help with the process."

Penny Coles/Niagara Advance

At Trius Winery Monday Mark Torrance, national director of estate wineries for Peller Estates, Lord Mayor Pat Darte, Greg Berti, vice-president of global markets for Andrew Peller Ltd., and Town CAO Mike Galloway announce the Wayne Gretzky Winery and Craft Distillery is coming to NOTL. The new winery will be built on Peller property beside Trius, with entrances from Niagara Stone Rd. and Line 3, and is expected to open in the spring of 2017.

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Fundraiser to help restore historic building

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Many locals aren't even aware the building exists, never mind its long history.

The Junior Commissariat Officers' Quarters, dating back to 1816, is the oldest of the four remaining military buildings that make up Butler's Barracks National Historic Site.

It's tucked away in the trees, surrounded by a round fence, with soccer fields, a playground and the Veterans Memorial Park swimming pool on one side, and behind it, Butler's Barracks.

A 2011 report for Parks Canada said "the physical degradation of the building must be immediately addressed if the building is to survive."

The Friends of Fort George is now addressing its restoration - if work doesn't begin soon, the building will likely collapse, says Tony Chisholm.

It was built by the Royal Engineers and used by the military, originally, as the name suggests, as a barracks for junior officers, says Chisholm, and also as a commissariat, where the officer who purchased supplies for the military met with members of the public who had supplies to sell.

Later, it became the first club house of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, before the course was moved - when the club is referred to as the oldest in Canada, it's dating back to that location - and in the 1950s and '60s, it was a community centre for teens. By then it was owned by the town, although the dances were run by the NOTL Lions, says Chisholm.

At some point in the 60s, it was used as a private residence, but was eventually handed back to Parks Canada, and has been federally owned, and unused, since then.

In 1991, the JCOQ was designated a "recognized" federal heritage building for its long association with the training of troops for the defence of Canada, and for its architectural qualities.

The Friends of Fort George, with support from Parks Canada, will be hosting a special fundraising event at the Junior Commissariat Officers' Quarters next Friday, June 12, to publicly launch its restoration.

It's likely any funds required after that will come from the federal government, but the government wants to first ensure some participation and interest on the part of the community, said Chisholm.

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Could be used for community events, receptions

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Although there has been no decision on the use of the two-storey building once it's restored, it could be an office for Parks Canada, or there could be some community use, such as rentals for weddings and receptions, similar to Navy Hall.

The evening will include a gourmet barbecue dinner provided by Pig Out, live music by the Pub Jugs, a cash bar with wine, beer on tap by Silversmith Breweries, and a live auction of items and gift certificates donated by local businesses.

Given the site's history as a golf course, NOTL Golf Club owner John Wiens is helping to set up a mini-putt on the grounds, outside the fenced area, says Chisholm.

There will also be heritage interpreters on site representing its 200-year history, including the 1812 era and the First World War, providing an overview of the history of the building. The JCOQ will be open, but the event will be outdoors, on the property, under tents.

Tickets are available at the Fort George Gift Shop and Niagara Historical Society & Museum. Call the Friends of Fort George at 905-468-6621 or email admin@friendsoffortgeorge.ca.for more information.

Tickets are $35 for members, $40 for non-members and $20 for children.

Parks Canada interpreter Joel Petrielo, Scott Finlay, corporate program co–ordinator for historic sites, Dick Coyne and Topy Chisholm of the Friends of Fort George visit the Junior Commissariat Officers' Quarters off Veterans Lane in NOTL, to discuss a June 12 fundraiser to save the 1816 building.

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Point of View

Long-term solution to safe and healthy community lies with recreational path

Getting approval for the Bob Howse Memorial Trail from Virgil to the Old Town was not a simple matter.

It took years of discussions. Many public meetings. Business owners along Niagara Stone Rd., residents and churches with driveways the path would cross, were worried.

They were afraid there was a safety issue.

It was approved, finally, built, and is now well-used. And so far (please touch wood as you read this) it hasn't been a safety issue.

We could say it's been just the opposite - it allows people to walk and cycle safely, at a distance from the large trucks and cars that speed along the road, and it encourages people to be active.

Now the Region is looking at what to do at the south end of Virgil along Niagara Stone Rd., and has come up with a bicycle path on the road - really just a paved shoulder marked for bicycles with a white line.

It too will be well-used at this time of year, mostly, although not solely, by farm workers who depend on their bikes for transportation.

A dozen or so St. Michael students will ride to school, and while that's far healthier than taking a bus or being driven, it takes a brave parent to agree to that.

By next September the school population at Crossroads will increase, possibly at St. Michael as well. The sidewalk extension the Region is planning may be used, especially if there is a crossing guard at the roundabout.

But a bike path from Henegan Rd. in Virgil, where adults and kids can both cycle and walk, from one end of Virgil to the Old Town, seems like a much better solution - a solution that reflects vision for the future, and a real concern for the safety of our school children.

And they will be healthier for it, if they can ride or walk to school.

Let's hope the town can support it, and get it done, without the years of discussion that it took to get the first part of the trail built.

Rubbing shoulders with the PM

It's not the first time Art and Julie Viola have been invited to meet with the president of the Philippines - in 1989 they were invited to Niagara Falls to a state dinner with the late President Corazon Aquino. Last month, the former Lord Mayor of NOTL and his wife, natives of the Philippines who emigrated to Canada, worked, volunteered and raised their family in NOTL, were invited to a private reception given by Prime Minister Stephen Harper for Aquino's son, President Benigno Aquino, at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto. There was also a community event with 2,000 people.

Letters to the Editor

Has anyone seen Tiny? His family misses him

Tiny and his brother were born stray cats.

They hung around our house a lot and we became very attached to them, so we decided to adopt the and get them neutered. They remained outdoor cats.

Tiny is a very friendly and curious cat. He loves people and will go up to almost anyone. He likes to jump into vehicles and get into garages. Once he didn't come home for a full day and it turned out he was locked in our neighbour's garage. Luckily they are friendly people who know and love Tiny.

A little while ago Tiny came home with a pellet embedded in his tail. We were able to get it out, but if the pellet had hit him somewhere else on his body, it could have killed him. We don't understand why anyone would shoot at a harmless, friendly cat.

On May 21 Tiny went missing from Line 8 near Concession 3.

It was his and his brother Pepper's second birthday. We are worried that if he got into someone's vehicle he may have been driven away and got lost. He is able to hunt for himself but is also used to being fed regularly by humans.

Our bigger worry is that he was shot by the person with the pellet gun again, or possibly got hurt another way.

Tiny is a smart kitty and we think he would know how to avoid nature's predators such as coyotes.

Tiny is dark grey, with two white spots, one on his stomach and one on his chest.

His upper chest also has an orange tinge to it.

Both of his back paws (toes) are white. He has green eyes. He is a little smaller than most cats and has a fairly short tail with very little fur on the tip, and he has furless ears. He is very cute and friendly.

If anyone has any information regarding Tiny please contact us.

The Paul Family
905-262-4695

What is Old Town resident to do about parking meter garbage?

I tried.

Having picked up garbage daily close to the parking meter in front of my house on Victoria St. near Queen St., I decided to place a garbage can next to the parking meter.

It worked. At the end of the week it was filled with garbage.

All seemed okay as I placed the filled garbage can at the curb on collection day. But - I suppose the racoons outsmarted me as the container was toppled over and of course I had to pick up all the strewn garbage.

Have any of the readers of the Advance had experience removing garbage left in front of their homes?

Or maybe the parking meter authorities themselves would like to respond rather than offer their pass-the-buck referrals.

Selena Appleby

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Opinion

Design of maple keys makes you appreciate nature

Time to fertilize clematis - it could use some help at this time of year

Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

As I walked the dog last week I found myself singing The Maple Leaf Forever - I think the fact that there were maple keys falling all around me mayhe had something to do with it. It certainly makes you stop and think when you see how well Nature designs things - each one of these 'keys' twirled down, yet the seed part is what goes into the soil. In a few weeks little maple trees growing everywhere.

The clematis is doing well and some fertiliser always helps at this time.

As I walked on I came to a neglected wooded lot and was pleasantly surprised at the variety of things growing, yet never planted hy anyone. There was lilac, honeysuckle, wild roses and of course small maples. And there were lots of the weeds we do not like, the wild garlic and clover, hut it still all looked just right.

Then I had a thought - what if someone invented a grass that only grew to four inches and it never needed weeding. Perish the thought - just think on how many people would he out of work, not only in landscaping hut in the manufacturing of all the special tools - green grass is an industry.

I am hoping the weather settles as I have not put my cannas out yet.

The tree peonies have heen heautiful, hut again the weather seemed to cut them down sooner than usual.

But we will not complain, we could he in California where everything is hurnt to a crisp and no water to save it.

So get all set for the season of the garden tours, and he grateful you live here.

Two artists' exhibits at Pumphouse in June

Rima Boles
@ the Pumphouse

This June there are many reasons to visit the Pumphouse.

We have two new exhihitions: The Edge by Daniel Pigeon, and A Celehration of Raymond Martin. In addition to the exhihitions we have our Grand Bazaar sale and the start of our summer programs.

Admission to the Pumphouse is free and we encourage you to drop hy to see the exhihitions, join us for a reception and you may even get inspired to sign up for an art class. We hope to see you soon.

Daniel Pigeon's exhihition, The Edge on display June 5 to 28 is a series of ultra-low horizon paintings that were inspired hy personal experiences with the land.

Pigeon grew up in the Niagara region and his experiences camping, hiking and working on a farm have all shaped his work. This exhihition features hoth realistic and ahstract paintings that were all inspired hy fields, forests and lakes. The low horizon places an emphasis on the sky, a space which to Pigeon is a meditative and open space which he feels we are all searching for.

He says, "In every hour, at every stage of the day a great sky is meditative. I feel we all long even momentarily for spaces uncrowded, moments of clarity in this modern world."

We hope you will join us this Sunday, June 7, 2 p.m. for an opening reception. Refreshments will he served and this event is open to the puhlic. We are also pleased to have this artist returning in August as a participating artist in our Art hy the Lighthouse Show and Sale.

During the months of June and July, the Pumphouse will showcase artworks that were inspired hy Raymond Martin (1927-2015). He was a great friend of the Pumphouse, encouraging and teaching dozens of students over almost two decades as a valued instructor. The exhihition continues June 5 to July 26. Please join us for a reception on Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Our annual Grand Bazaar sale is just around the corner on Saturday June 13th. Mark your calendars hecause you will want to visit the Pumphouse hright and early. Doors open at 8 a.m. and there will he various great finds as always, ranging from art, to furniture, to home decor items. The sale continues until 1 p.m. and all proceeds henefit the Pumphouse programs.

June is the start of our summer programs including a variety of art classes and workshops for children, youth and adults that continue into July and August. There are a numher of adult classes and workshops including: Drawing, Open Studio, Soft Pastels, Art For Those That Think They Can't, Clay Creations, Impressionist Plein-Air Painting, Painting, Mask-Making and Printmaking.

For children we are offering Art Workshops on various Saturday afternoons as well as week-long Summer Art Camps, hoth half-day or full-day in July and August. Please visit wehsite www.niagarapumphouse.ca for details.

The Pumphouse Facehook page is Niagara Pumphouse Visual Art Centre and Twitter is Niagara PH. Link to our sites for the latest news ahout the Pumphouse.

Reach us at 905-468-5455 or office@niagarapumphouse.ca.

The Pumphouse is open weekdays from 12 to 4 p.m., weekends from 1 to 4 p.m, and admission is free.

The work of Niagara artist Daniel Pigeon will be on display at th Niagara Pumphouse from this Friday to June 28, with an opening reception Sunday.

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ST. DAVIDS PARK DEVELOPMENT
Public Consultation

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is in the design phase of the St. Davids Park Development. MHBC Planning Urban Design and Landscape Architecture Ltd. has proposed three (3) different designs and we want to hear your opinions and suggestions.

Please join us for an Open House to review these preliminary designs:

Date: Tuesday June 23, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Location: St. David's Fire Hall (Station #2)
Meeting Room
5 Dumfries Street, St. Davids

MORE INFORMATION
For more information regarding the Open House, please contact Kevin Turcotte, Manager of Parks and Recreation, at 905-468-3266 extension 263.

NEW ON-LINE REGISTRATION PROGRAM
Summer Camp & Aquatics

Residents can now enrol their children in summer camp and aquatics programs through the Town's website.

A new on-line registration tool allows users to register for programs and view the activity schedule for all summer camp programs at the Community Centre and aquatics programs at area pools.

Summer Camp runs from June 29 to September 4, 2015, and includes Adventure Camp, Sports Camp, and Leaders in Training.

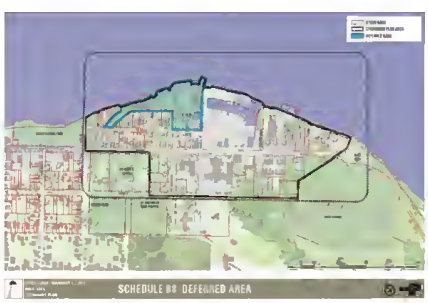
Aquatics lessons happen at the Niagara and St. Davids pools. We offer two sessions that run Tuesday through Friday. Session 1 runs from July 7 to July 24 and Session 2 runs from August 4 to August 21.

Plans are underway to expand this system in the near future to include on-line registration for all recreational programs and meeting room rentals at Town facilities.

Please visit www.notl.org/content/parks-recreation to access this new registration system and for more information on our summer camp and aquatics activities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION
Dock Area – Final Landscape Design Concept

Earlier this year, residents were asked for comments on three proposed landscape design concepts for the public lands in the deferred area of the Dock Area Secondary Plan. Based on this input, a team of landscape architects has prepared a preferred design for the public lands pictured below.



Town Council now invites the public to view the preferred option before directing staff to develop appropriate policies and a final design for these public lands.

Please join us for a community engagement session to discuss the preferred design option.

Date: June 11, 2015
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers, Town Municipal Offices
1593 Four Mile Creek Road

MORE INFORMATION
For more information regarding this Community Engagement Session, please contact Leah Wallace, Senior Planner, at 905-468-3266 extension 245 or lwallace@notl.org.

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Zumba Fitness: Perfect for Everybody and Every Body

Zumba Fitness has quickly grown to one of the most popular group exercise classes on the planet. In fact, the Latin-dance inspired workout is reportedly performed by more than 12 million people at 110,000 sites, in 125 countries around the world. It is the perfect combination of fun and fitness, but for one Zumba instructor, Zumba Fitness means much more.

"Zumba has changed my life," said Lynn Bordynuik, a Zumba instructor for more than four years. "It has filled my heart and soul. To put it simply, Zumba gives me joy. As a wonderful side effect, Zumba helps to keep my body in shape."

After having her second child, Lynn topped the scale at 220 pounds. She struggled for almost a decade to try to lose the weight. Then, one fateful day, she finally decided to make a change.

"I saw a picture of myself from behind. I was bent over tying up my son's shoe at his soccer game. It was a perfectly framed shot of my behind. I couldn't believe that butt belonged to me. I knew right then that I had to start going to the gym," she said.

Like many people so often do, Lynn would go to the gym a few times and then falter. She would find every excuse not to go. After a year of stopping and starting, she made a decision: she would make fitness her job so there would be no more excuses.

"I became a group fitness instructor, and to my disbelief, I really enjoyed it. I taught step aerobics, and then cyclefit, followed by body sculping. Five years after that, I became a personal trainer. While I was happy, there was still something missing," she said with a smile.

"Zumba Fitness."

While attending a fitness retreat, Lynn had her first Zumba Fitness experience and she was immediately hooked. It didn't take long for her to make the decision to take the Zumba Fitness course and become a licensed instructor.

"I don't have a dance background, but I love to dance. I love fitness. The two together were like a dream come true. It's fitness in disguise! It's a workout that feels like a party. What could be better than that?"

Zumba group fitness classes mix high-intensity and low-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-sizzling dance party. The music is a combination of Latin and international rhythms and includes dance styles such as salsa, cumbia, merengue, mambo, flamenco, reggaeton, hip hop and tango. It is a total workout combining all elements of fitness: cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome!

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Educational options discussed in detail

Ryan Gaio
Special to the Advance

The fight to keep Parliament Oak open may have ended, but the battle to offer sufficient education options in Niagara-on-the-Lake continues.

Last Thursday, the NOTL Community Center played host to a NOTL Education Public Meeting to "discuss, debate and refine the potential elementary options available for the Town of NOTL."

The meeting's organizers, formerly known as Citizens for Accountable and Responsible Education (CARE), they have decided to drop that moniker, as CARE's reputation to date has been for Old Town-centric school issues, while their new focus is on education options for all of NOTL's communities.

The meeting served as a follow-up to a previous session, two weeks earlier, at which attendees first brainstormed possible new directions given the announcement of Parliament Oak's closure.

That initial event ended with people split into three groups to discuss the three most favoured options, while last week's meeting allowed representatives from each of those groups to discuss the options in greater detail with all in attendance.

The first group, led by Mark Wheato, discussed longer-term solutions for returning a secondary school and three elementary schools to NOTL.

Because costs are a prohibitive factor, the group considered such possibilities as forming an entirely new school board (perhaps in conjunction with other nearby small communities), proposing a joint initiative between the Catholic and public boards, or reaching out to Queens Park to push for more financial support.

The second group examined alternative school systems already in place in different parts of the world, including the Finnish school system, where all schools run independently, and a Columbian system offering mixed-grade schools and student-designed curriculums. While these examples prove that such alternative methods can succeed, that group said, it remains to be determined where such a school could exist in NOTL, who would teach it, and what the costs might be.

The third group examined the possibility of expanding an already existing school, such as Maple Leaf Montessori in the Old Town. Sharon Gleaves, who runs the Montessori school, has already decided to proceed with a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 expansion, offering space for an additional 22 students, but at a cost.

Such an expansion also raises the possibility of combining two separate school systems in one building, allowing both schools to share resources.

Summing up the meeting, CARE member Josb Wiwcharyk noted that two of the three groups were already underway and have committed people working towards fulfillment. He noted the only initiative that did not have an official working committee in place is the one to establish a community school, and seven people came forward.

A Parliament Oak Farewell event has been organized, for Tuesday June 16. An open house will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. with memorabilia on display, with an outdoor social from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

CARE members have organized A Kick Off to Summer Party at the former high school building June 19.

There is an ongoing need to fund marketing initiatives and meeting space costs, says CARE member Joy Janzen, as the CARE mission is to continue to be the voice of the community on education concerns going forward.

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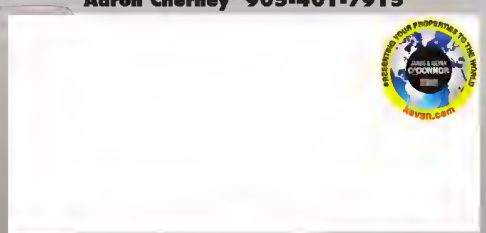

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Two cruisers needed for St. Michael students' walk

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

An 'apple a day' was given a whole new meaning when 222 St. Michael students walked across Concession 6 and along Line 3 for an apple at The Fruit Shack, says one of the organizers of the walk.

It took two Niagara Regional Police cruisers and officers blocking traffic for the Grades 4 to 8 students, along with staff and parents, to safely walk 200 feet from their school, says Anneliese Jaeger Friesen, a parent council team member.

It was obvious the students were enjoying the freedom - the laughter and smiling-faces showed kids were thrilled by the short walk that took them beyond their usual school boundaries, she said.

"They had a fantastic time. It was just a short walk, but they've never done it before. Just from talking about it, it seemed so far away, but it was really very close. It was certainly a great opportunity for them to get out in the fresh air."

Originally, she had hoped the students could walk along Niagara Stone Rd., but closing it to traffic, even or a short time, was too inconvenient for drivers and businesses, she said.

The safe and accepting school committee of the St. Michael Parent Council has been working on this since last September, with the intention of highlighting how difficult it is for students who want to bike or walk to school safely.

It also showcased healthy living to the students, who don't have much, if any, opportunity to walk around their school community.

A week ago, the committee hosted a brainstorming session at the school, attended by many regional and town representatives, who were invited to observe traffic conditions during the time of student dismissal, from the school on Line 3, to the nearby roundabout on Niagara Stone Rd.

An Environmental Assessment completed by the Region has resulted in the preferred option of a sidewalk on the west side of Niagara Stone Rd., from Crossroads to the roundabout, with a bike lane on the road, says regional engineer Mike Wilson.

But members of the St. Michael Parent Council feel an even better solution would be a three-metre wide multi-use recreational trail, which would be separated from the road, similar to the Bob Howse memorial path connecting Virgil to the Old Town.

Penny Coles Niagara Advance

St. Michael students walk along Line 3 to the back of the Fruit Shack, where Steve Pohorly met them with bushels of apples. It took two Niagara Regional Police cruisers and officers to ensure the 200-foot walk was safe for the students.

Wilson says the region has already identified its preferred option, and has held two public meetings. It was just recently learned there was an initiative for the separated trail, he said, and while that remains a possibility, the Town would have to approve it and pay for it.

The regional document explaining the options is available at the Regional offices, at the Town Hall in Virgil and at the NOTL Public Library.

There is a 30-day review period, with the date for public comments ending June 15, Wilson said.

"Bikes are not allowed on sidewalks," says Jaeger Friesen.

"The bike lane on the regional road is not safe. A sidewalk ending at the roundabout on the Crossroads side would create a bigger risk for children as they navigate half the busy circle by foot or bike," she says.

There are too many variables that could end in injury, she added.

To ensure safe passage for students, the addition of a separate multi-use trail on the St. Michael side of the Regional Road is required, she said.

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Path needs Town support

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Steve Pohorly, who has a business - The Fruit Shack - and home on the east side of Niagara Stone Rd., agrees the separated bike path is the safest solution.

"I see the speed and size of the vehicles along that road. It's unnerving walking on the shoulder. On a separated path kids could ride or walk safely."

A bike lane on the shoulder of Niagara Stone Rd. "makes about as much sense as a bike lane on the QEW," says Pohorly.

A separated trail would see a lot more use, and would allow kids from the south end of Virgil to ride their bikes to the splash pad, sports park, community centre and the library, "instead of their parents having to drive them everywhere," said Pohorly.

"It's a big section of road, and an important one. If they're going to do something with it, I hope they'll look to the future, and instead of being short-sighted, get it right."

Once the public comments are received on the Region's preferred option, a decision will be made to either go ahead with it or not, said Wilson.

But it's not too late to also add the recreational path component, he added - the request would have to be put to the Town, and if the Town chooses to support it, it could happen without compromising the current plan, he said - the Region would become a partner on the project.

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Steve Pohorly handed out apples to St. Michael students after their short walk to the Fruit Shack along Line 3. Enjoying their apples are walk organizer Anneliese Jaeger Friesen, with Isaac Galasso and Claire Friesen.

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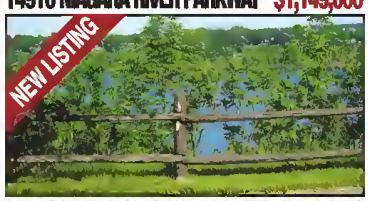

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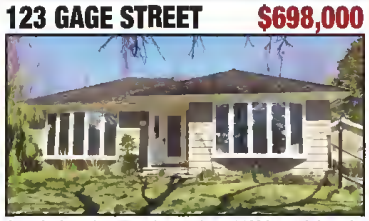

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Lockers in St. Davids convenient for library members

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's all about convenience.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library has about 1,200 library cardholders who are expected to make use of new lockers in St. Davids, which offer a self-serve satellite library at the fire hall on Warner Rd.

It couldn't be easier - all you need is a library card and an email address, says library chief executive officer Cathy Simpson.

You can request one book or several, or DVDs, and a day or two later, when the books are ready to be picked up at the firehall, you receive an email notification that includes a code, which will be changed weekly, that allows entry to a locked door at the firehall.

Lord Mayor Pat Darte and library board chair Andrew Porteus were on-hand to demonstrate - by holding their card up to a computer screen, their member number is scanned, and a locker door pops open.

There are 18 lockers, with space to add more if necessary, and each can hold several books.

Returning is even more simple - just touch 'return' on the screen and a book-drop opens.

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Lord Mayor Pat Darte, Fire Chief Alex Burbidge, library board chair Andrew Porteus and library CEO Cathy Simpson gathered at the Warner Rd. fire hall in St. Davids to demonstrate the new lockers that allow library members to request books or DVDs and pick them up from the lockers. All that is needed is a library card and an email address, says Simpson. Darte picked up a book and a DVD and Porteus returned his book.

The library has been running a pilot project to test the lockers for a month or so, and there were no glitches discovered, says Simpson.

It's a great idea for providing library service to small communities, adds Porteous.

A member doesn't have to live in St. Davids to use the lockers - it could be more convenient because there's 24-hour access , he says.

The firehall is well-lit outside, and a motion sensor will turn on a light over the lockers.

All other doors to the firehall are locked.

The firefighters were asked about any concerns they might have, but were on board - it doesn't affect them, said Fire Chief Alex Burbidge, who agreed it's a great community use of the building.

While the $25,000 for the first set of lockers was included in this year's library budget, the board is hoping to expand the service to Glendale and Queenston in the next two years, said Porteus.

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Rezoning refused

Some Niagara-on-the-Lake councillors changed their minds Monday about allowing three new houses to replace a small, older house at the corner of Mississagua and Anne Sts. in the Old Town.

In a 5-3 vote, council reversed last week's committee decision and turned down a rezoning application for 560 Mississagua St. The committee had attached conditions that would have required the developer to have a comprehensive drainage plan, a tree preservation plan and approval from the town's urban design team.

Coun. Jim Collard said he wasn't convinced that a neighbouring single-family lot owned by Lisa Neudorf would stay dry if there were drainage problems with the new development.

"This developer can't be expected to solve previous drainage problems," said John Henricks, director of community and development services, in reference to a different development that flooded the Neudorf property.

Coun. John Wiens said he would prefer to see two houses built on the large property, rather than three. He was also not in favour of having two of the driveways exiting onto Mississagua St. at a busy intersection.

Lord Mayor Pat Darte and councillors Collard, Wiens, Miele and Mazza voted against the application. Planning staff had recommended approval of the development, saying it conforms to provincial, regional and town planning policies and respects the surrounding land uses and character of the area.

Decision on hold

From Page 2

Coun. Paulo Miele expressed his discomfort about receiving a call from the developer asking for a deferral of council's decision.

"As a councillor, we're going to get those calls," said Coun. Jim Collard. "It's our job to filter (them)."

He said anyone could ask council for a deferral on a development rather than just appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Director of community and development services John Henricks said the developer has indicated he would like to have more discussions with town staff regarding other potential plans for the property.

Council decided to revisit the application in four months, with Miele opposed.

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Medical centre building sold

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Ward Simpson has sold his building, confident it will continue to be a hub of health care for the people of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Developer Anthony Annunziata of Fort Erie has purchased the Niagara-on-the-Lake Medical Centre, and says he plans to expand the building to accommodate the NOTL Family Health Team.

He's confident he can satisfy the needs of the doctors and services of the health team with a 4,500 square-foot addition on the south-west side of the 13,000 square-foot building, and he hopes to get approval from the town for a second storey on the addition.

He would also like to give the building a new look that would be appropriate to its prominence and its history in the community, he said.

"I think it deserves a signficant profile within this community. I hope to take it to a different level."

Simpson says if he were 30 years younger, he'd be doing what Annunziata is doing, but at the age of 72, he is ready to retire and leave it up to someone else.

While Annuziata expects to work with the family health team and give them what they need to stay, the committee looking for a new health team home, will all doctors under one roof, isn't at that point yet, said Dr. David Reimer, one of the members of the steering committee working group looking at locations.

They've got a list of about a dozen sites - the NOTL Medical Centre is one of them - and they've come up with a way to prioritize the sites, but haven't done that yet, he said.

They are also leaning toward a not-for profit centre run by a community board, but they haven't yet decided whether that could exist within a privately-owned, for-profit building, he said.

They're also not sure about funding, fundraising, and provincial money, he added.

The doctors at the NOTL Medical Centre have recently signed a two-year lease, "and we're not going to be kicked out of the hospital until we have somewhere to go," said Reimer, which gives the steering committee time to decide the best route for the future of the family health team and other health services.

Annunziata says in discussions so far with members of the family health team, "everyone's been very supportive, open, honest and transparent with respect to the desires of the long-term needs for health care in NOTL. I'm satisfied we can accommodate the needs and desires that have been identified in those conversations. We have no guarantees, but we believe if we do a good job, this will be the place to provide stability for the community and where the family health team doctors and services will want to stay."

He said he has assured the family health team there will always be a home for them in his building, and within the financial constraints set out for them by the provincial government.

But if the family health team decides to move elsewhere, the building could continue to attract doctors as a health care centre for the community, he said.

Although Simpson purchased the clinic, built around 1950 as a 12-bed hospital, with Dr. Julian Adams, he has since bought the doctor's shares so Adams would not have a conflict of interest as part of the family health team.

As a tenant, Adams rents space to the other doctors. The pharmacy, run by Simpson's son Sean, is also a tenant.

The family health team is the third tenant.

Simpson retired from the pharmacy two years ago after almost 40 years of serving the community of NOTL.

Now he's ready to retire again - it's time to walk away from the work of running the building, and have more time to play golf, he said.

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Ward Simpson has sold the NOTL Medical Centre to Fort Erie developer Anthony Annunziata, who plans to put an addition on the building and keep it as a hub for health care.

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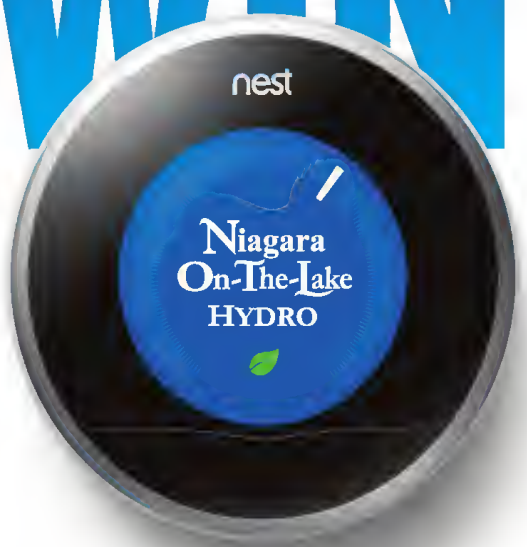

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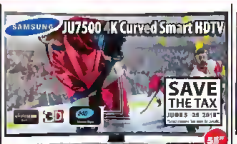

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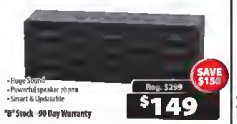

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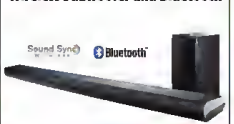

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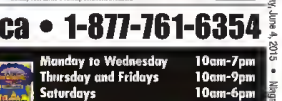

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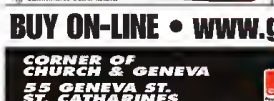

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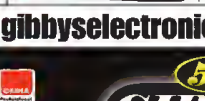

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Artists love drop–in sessions at community centre

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The artists who meet once a week at the community centre to paint can't decide what it is they like best about the sessions.

It may be the room - it's large enough to spread out and move around, and with one wall of windows, it's bright.

It could be the routine - they know they can put aside a few hours every Wednesday afternoon to paint. Or the fact that they're not tied down - they're not putting a lot of money out for classes, just showing up when they feel like painting.

The socializing is important - they love the opportunity to talk to other like-minded individuals, see what others are painting and learn from each other.

But likely the best part of the session, which keeps them going back week after week, some for the four years since the drop-in began, is instructor Susan Wintrop.

She's there to paint as well, but also to give advice when asked.

Referred to affectionately as "the artist in residence," Wintrop also offers encouragement, support, builds confidence, inspires - everything a good instructor should do.

"In the early years, I used to be asked for assistance more often. Now everyone's pretty independent. Most of them have been painting for a while, and they don't need a whole lot of help."

Most, although not all, of the core group of about 20 drop-ins met at the Niagara Pumphouse Art Centre, where they took lessons with Wintrop.

Artists use the Simpson Room at the community centre Wednesday afternoons to paint and socialize. They have an exhibit at the library this month.

Four years ago, when the Pumphouse classes were wrapping up and her students were disappointed to have them come to an end, Wintrop approached then-community centre program co-ordinator Kevin Turcotte to see about renting space so her students could continue to meet and paint.

It was going to be costly, she soon discovered, but in conversation with Turcotte, he asked if most of the students were seniors. The answer was yes, and a deal was made—the sessions take place under the auspices of the seniors program, at no charge.

Wintrop decided there would be a collection jar, and any money donated—artists put $5 in the jar each time they ask for help—would go to purchase supplies for art classes for youth at the community centre.

It's taken a while - art supplies are expensive - but Turcotte hopes to be able to offer classes this summer.

Gord Rosewarne is one of the artists who did not start with Pumphouse classes - he moved to town two years ago, heard about the drop-in classes and decided to attend.

He's quite comfortable with his style - he likes painting wildlife in acrylic and is happy to stick to that - but, he adds, "everyone needs help once in a while. I need lots of help, and the instructor is good. And it gets me out, meeting new people. The people here are friendly, all have something in common, and we all like to see what others are doing."

Bebi Zabeeda is another of the newcomers to the class, and she's grateful she found it.

"It's motivating, to know I'll be here every week. I like that I always know what I'm doing Wednesday afternoon. And everyone here is very encouraging, very positive."

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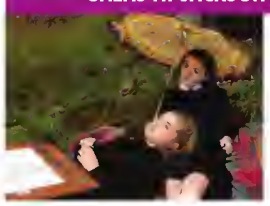

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Health fair for farm workers at community centre Sunday

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

An organization dedicated to helping migrant workers in Niagara is holding its seventh annual festival and information fair.

The Niagara Migrant Workers Interest Group is a coalition of community service agencies reaching out to include seasonal migrant workers, says chair Jackie Barrett-Greene

The help that is offered by the agencies has always been available to farm workers, but the umbrella organization's efforts are directed at letting the workers know the services, mostly related to health and social services, are there for them.

For instance, it includes health clinics held weekly in Virgil, offered by Quest Community Health Centre, a partnership with Brock University to provide translators, a mental health program, and education from Positive Living on sexually transmitted diseases.

The agencies will gather in one place this Sunday, June 7, at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre on Anderson Lane to support migrant workers with a health festival and information fair.

In addition to letting the workers know what help is available to them, there will be on-site education on health issues such as eye care, blood pressure screening, safety instruction and injury prevention.

"The different agencies participating try to do something interactive to engage people," says Barrett-Greene.

"We don't want to just be handing out pamphlets. For example, the public health department will be bringing dead ticks to help explain about lyme disease. Health Canada will be there as well - last year they demonstrated how to remove pesticides safely. St. John Ambulance will hold a blood pressure clinic. A lot of it is health-based."

Dinner will be provided by the Caribbean Eatery, she said, and there will be a bike raffle every half hour of donated used bikes, in good working order.

There will be live entertainment, with both Caribbean and Mexican music, she said.

Most farmers are "amazing and supportive," says Barrett-Greene, understanding "if workers are happy and healthy they'll be more productive, and that's good for the farmer and the workers."

The festival began modestly, but has grown to include a good representation of workers from the Caribbean and Mexico, and organizers are hoping for a shuttle to bring workers from the Jordan area, says Barrett-Greene.

For more information or to donate please contact nmwigbicycle@gmail.com or phone 905-688-2558 ex. 309 or 905-328-1546. You can also like The Niagara Migrant Workers Interest Group on Facebook for more updates.

Jennifer Pothier, executive director at Niagara North Community Legal Assistance, volunteered at last year's festival for farm workers.

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Signature event for Willowbank

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Get set for another afternoon of wonderful jazz on the lawn of the elegant Riverbend Inn, in support of the Willowbank School of Restoration Arts.

It's the 12th annual signature fundraising event for Willowbank, and promises to be a festive day of music and food shared with family and friends, to support the development of the school and the restoration of the estate.

"Last year everyone seemed really happy with the location," says organizer Pat Lamb. "Riverbend is a beautiful venue, a little bit like being in Tuscany, overlooking the vineyards. The food was great, the price was great, and we heard people say 'we'll be back next year.' So we are."

Guido Basso and Friends will be headlining the Willowbank Jazz Festival this year. Basso is Canada's best known jazz flugelhorn player, and has been around since the mid-60s, heading large and small bands.

With him will be festival regular John Sherwood, recognized by his audiences and his peers as one of the top jazz pianists in Canada today.

Bassist Steve Wallace has toured Russia, Europe and Asia with a host of jazz greats, and joining him will be Terry Clarke, who built his reputation for versatility with the world-famous pop vocal group, The Fifth Dimension. He has travelling and performed extensively throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe.

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Also featured are the Bourbon StreetBbuskers, Tyler Yarema and his Rhythm, and the Climax Jazz Band.

It's a great line-up, says Lamb - the Bourbon St. Buskers are "bouncy as all get out," everybody who bas seen the Climax Jazz Band loves them, and Tyler Yarema is a Juno award-winning piano player, singer, and composer who bas a reputation as being a 'must-see' performer.

Heather Bambrick, the radio host on JAZZ FM 91.1, was great as the MC last year, and is returning, says Lamb.

Generous merchants have provided items for both a silent and live auction, she adds - and there are two paintings done by the late Campbell Scott, a renowned local artist, for auction.

The festival is held on the lawn behind Riverbend, overlooking the vineyards, with the gazebo used by the chef to prepare food for the event.

It's Sunday, June 14, 1 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, and tickets are $45, available by calling Willowbank at 905-262-1239 or at www.willowbank.ca.

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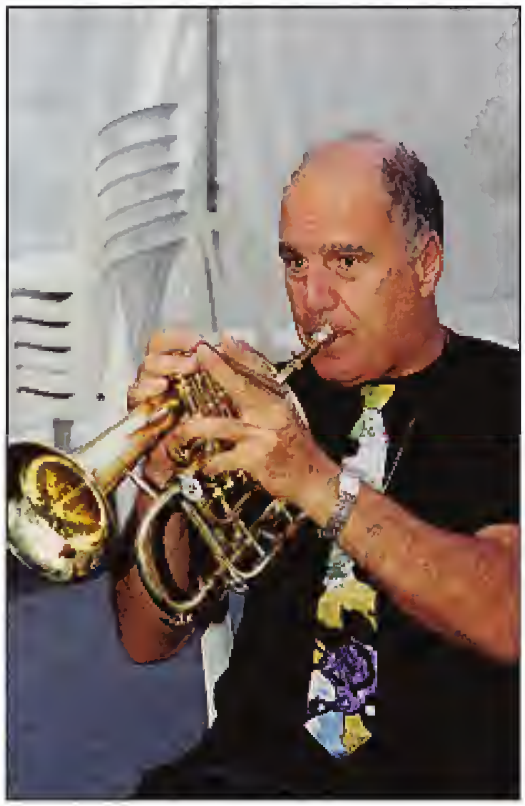

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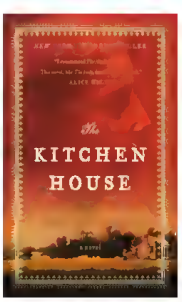

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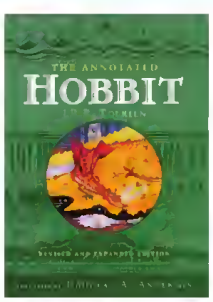

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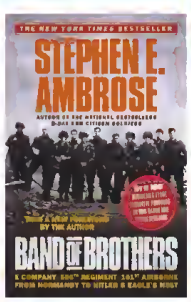

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Such studies reveal a real ambivalence among the public about taking drugs, even when a reasonably strong case can be made for a drug. Surveys also suggest that close to 50% of patients either don't take the drugs that have been prescribed for them, or taking them, don't take them as prescribed.

Fess up now: how many of you actually completed that course of antibiotics?

In a recent study of patients at high risk for a heart attack or who had just recovered from a 'widow maker', many reverted to the very life styles that got them into trouble in the first place - or shortly after receiving their emergency stent, refused to take those drugs which would significantly reduce the chance of another scary event. Why?

As you might expect the reasons given for not taking drugs vary all over the map.

Here are a few examples: I'm totally against taking drugs, I don't believe in drugs, I've never been a pill person, I'm old-fashioned – I don't take medicine for nothing, drugs aren't natural – they're chemical poisons, I feel okay now, so why take drugs, I'm into alternative medicines, I talked to a friend or read something on the internet about how risky the drug was, and so on.

You've probably heard of a few other reasons as well. Why the distrust? Why the lack of common sense - as some physicians might frame it?

Part of the reason lies with the fact that sometimes physicians and nurse practitioners simply don't do a good enough job of explaining the reason for the drug – including the risks.

We live in a time when the all too familiar drug ads on TV promise much. They race through the side effects and wrap up on a very happy-skippy note with the admonition to ask your doctor

Adding to the problem is the fact that the internet offers a mixture – to paraphrase Clint Eastwood – of the good, the bad and the ugly, for advice.

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Ineffective drugs and those with adverse side effects put people off

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These days we're awash with information, with few tools for discriminating between that good and ugly. And to some extent physicians are prisoners of the same problem, because some still get much of their information from drug company representatives – tbough less so these days.

There are other issues as well. Some drugs just aren't terribly effective. In the coinage of many drug trials, only one patient in 30, or perhaps a 100 or more, may see any benefit. That's not very impressive, if so many patients have to take a drug to see a benefit in just one.

And there certainly are adverse side effects associated with some drugs. The 'statin' drugs are a good case in point: they significantly reduce cholesterol levels in patients at risk for heart and stroke. But in a small number of patients, their use may be associated with muscular pain and disabling weakness, which may not recover when the statin is stopped. I was practicing in Boston when these drugs first came on the market and some patients began to complain of muscle aching and weakness. It took several years for the association between the drug and these muscle symptoms to be recognized and the pharmaceutical industry and physicians to fess up.

> **We need to understand why we're taking certain drugs, and then take them as directed.**
>
> *— Dr. Bill Brown of InfoHealth*

There's little doubt that some drugs can be very effective but we need to understand why we're taking certain drugs and then take them as directed.

Then there's the subject of drug interactions, problems posed by taking too many drugs and emergency room visits prompted by adverse responses to drugs.

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Thunderhawks on a five–game winning streak

Only loss for T-Hawks came against Canadian champions, the Six Nation Rebels

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Junior B Thunderhawks Lacrosse Club put together a five-game winning streak by defeating two first-place teams.

Niagara defeated the first place mid-west division-leading Orangeville Northmen 6-3 and the first place far-west division-leading Windsor Clippers 17-5 in two recent matchs.

The T-Hawks also defeated the Hamilton Bengals 12-6 and the Welland Generals 15-9, and then again 13-7.

With 10 wins and three losses the Thunderhawks are solidly entrenched in second place in the south-west division and rank third in the 13-team Western Conference.

In a classic defensive struggle the T-Hawks defeated the Orangeville Northmen (nine wins 1oss) in their barn this Saturday.

Brad Thomas led the scoring with a pair of goals with Zach Luis, Derek Merza and Austin Wright adding singles.

Goaltender Graeme McCullough faced 40 shots for the win.

Niagara travelled to Windsor where they dismantled the Clippers (10 wins, two losses) who spent most of the night in the penalty box. Thomas (three goals, five assists) and Brennan Ferguson (five goals, three assists) had the hot hands with eight points apiece.

Luis added two goals and three assists with Rob McMicking chipping in five assists.

Seth Ferguson, Zack McCormick, Zac Dubuc, David D'Agostino, Ryan Wagner, Ryan Koch and Kyle Barna each had a goal.

McCullough made 38 saves for the victory.

The T-Hawks doubled up the much improved Hamilton Bengals with leading scorer Austin Wright turning the hat-trick and Thomas continuing his great play with a six point night (one goal, five assists).

Ferguson and McMicking added two goals apiece. Wyatt Fauzey made 22 saves for the win.

Against the Welland Generals, the Thunderhawks scored the first nine goals of the first game and the first eight goals in game two and cruised to both victories.

Their only recent loss came against the reigning Canadian champion, the Six Nation Rebels 10-5.

Up against the undefeated Rebels the T-Hawks fell just short despite leading the game 5-4 with 12 minutes left in the game

Goaltender Graeme McCullough had a strong effort in the loss.

The next bome game for the Thunderhawks is Tuesday, June 16 when they host the Six Nations Rebels at 8 p.m. at the Meridian Credit Union Arena.

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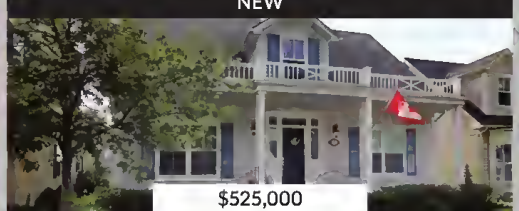

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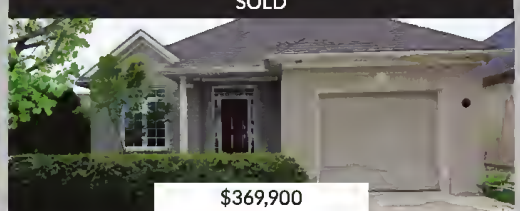

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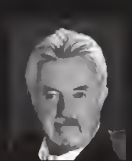
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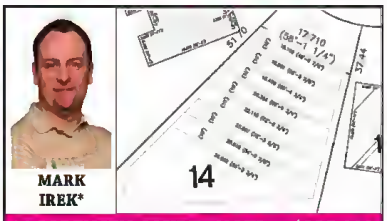

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